

3 Welbeck St
29th April 1847

We regret that your brother ever requested us to publish his book, or that our opinion of its talents should have led us to acquiesce in undertaking it. We are however much obliged to you for relieving us from the unpleasant necessity of deciding any further connexion with it which we must have done, as we think the curiosity is satisfied and the sale has dropped. — By far the greater number of Persons who have purchased it from us have found fault with it in such plain terms that we have in many cases preferred to take the book back rather than be annoyed with the ridicule which has long after time been spewed on it. In fact it was only on Saturday last that we were under the mortification of having our own opinion of its merits flatly contradicted by a Gentleman who told us he considered it no better than a take in. —

There are unpleasant imputations for any one in business to labour under, but we should have borne them and concealed their existence from you had not the style of your note shown us that such delicacy would be quite thrown away

We shall take means without
delay for ascertaining the number
of copies on hand & you shall be
informed accordingly

We are

Your most obedt Servts

C^o J. Allus



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A. Neville Esqre

My dear Sir,
I have just received
your letter of the 10th inst.
and am glad to hear
that you are well.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. Neville